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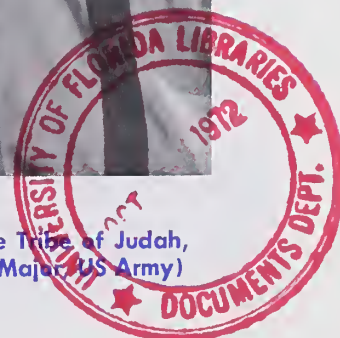


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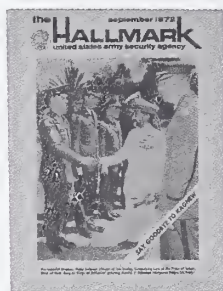
His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie (Power of the Trinity, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Elect of God, King of Kings of Ethiopia) greeting Harold J. Coleman (Sergeant Major, US Army)



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Our Cover—The photo was taken in 1969 when HIM Haile Selassie paid his annual visit to Kagnew Station. COL R.B. Mosser (right), field station commander, accompanies HIM. Now 80 years old, Ethiopia's Emperor has ruled for nearly 42 years. The story of ASA's departure after 27 years begins on page 6.

The support rendered by the US Army Security Agency to the US effort in Southeast Asia during the past eleven years has been more than noteworthy.

Every element involved, from the smallest detachment to the biggest field station, has had its work acknowledged and praised many times. The "thank you's" and "well done's" range from grateful nods to unit commendations, to Presidential citations.

This total accomplishment (see page 14) is remarkable. It is a contribution to the Nation of which every ASA man and woman, past and present, can be truly proud.

The record of achievement and accomplishment not only paints a strong and enviable picture of this Agency, but it also adds credence and testimony to the heritage of excellence which will no doubt be perpetuated in the years ahead.

It is also fitting that this item appears in the issue marking the celebration of USASA's 27th Anniversary.

The past year has been an important one for ASA and the service cryptologic agencies. The consolidation of ASA Europe at Augsburg, the closure of FS Hakata and the cessation of ASA activities in Ethiopia coincides in part with the reorganization of US intelligence activities directed by President Nixon. These are all major events which will receive spotlighted coverage in **THE HALLMARK**.

We begin this month with our story on Kagnew, beginning on page 7.

Happy Anniversary!

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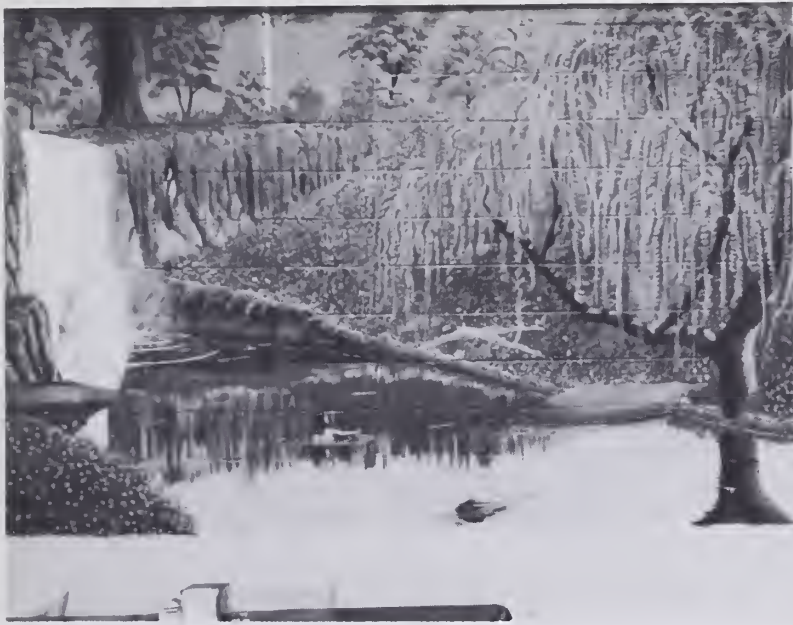
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PFC Greg Wilson, at work on second of his three murals in Echo Company Mess Hall. (Photos by PFC Joshua Schneider)

MVA and Self Help Work Well at School Brigade

by CPT R. H. Coffey

To many people, the concepts behind the Modern Volunteer Army (MVA) program afford a host of meanings.

To some, MVA is beer in the barracks, longer sideburns or fewer formations. To others, MVA is participation in the improvement of Army life; participation through suggestion, through initiative and through self-help.

To the men and women of the USASA TC&S School Brigade at Fort Devens, Mass., self-help doesn't necessarily mean the lending of one's perspiration and labor to the fruition of someone else's idea. It can also mean coming up with their own ideas and then following through on them.

A tour through the brigade area provides the visitor with numerous examples of this philosophy. In Bravo company, 1st Bn, a room is decorated with the stars and stripes of the American flag, inspired perhaps by the revolutionary tradition of this his-

toric New England area. Also in B company, an ingenious arrangement of beer cans and beads serve as draperies in another billet setting.

These are but a couple of examples of the soldiers' preferences in interior design. While the policy is aimed toward cleanliness and orderly arrangement of living areas, the men of the brigade are encouraged to use their imaginations, along with the materials available through self-help, to improve the appearance and atmosphere of their "homes."

floral dayrooms

The drab greens and greys, once prevalent in the barracks, have given way to electric blues, day-glo orange, lavender and . . . well, you name it. Furnishings such as coffee tables, stereo cabinets, rugs, drapes, and bedspreads, are items not yet issued under MVA programs, but are nevertheless cropping up with increasing frequency. They are the result

of hours spent in the craft shop, in shopping downtown, or from general scrounging.

The overall effect is one of varying styles but unvarying good taste.

Individual areas are only the beginning. In the Agency's only WAC company, sunflowers and floral-print furniture adorn the dayroom. In Echo company, 2d Bn, the dining facility walls boast the talent of Private First Class Greg Wilson in an imposing and impressive series of murals.

To the rear of the 1st Bn area, a once-deserted patch of woods shows the collective efforts of the men of the battalion in carving out a place to escape from the daily routine. Now barbecue grills, picnic tables and benches stand where, before, only shrubs and undergrowth prevailed. Students can use the area for recreation or just studying in the Massachusetts summer sunshine.

Building exteriors have received equal attention. In the 1st Bn area,



Named after the CO's pretty secretary, the USS Mary Solivon is another example of Greg Wilson's talent. The man-o-war rests gracefully at anchor on the wall of Echo Company's dining facility.

Sunflowers and floral prints soften the atmosphere in the dayroom of the WAC Company, USASASB. Elsewhere in the building, similar treatment lends the feminine touch to an otherwise austere facility.



The stars and stripes greeting this room gives to visitors is the combined handiwork of PFCs Chuck White, Otto Jorgensen, John Miller, Bob Stafford and Steve Maaz.

rustic log fences mark unit boundaries, while 2d Bn has chosen white colonial fencework. Rock gardens and other innovative grounds treatment abound throughout the brigade.

Still in the planning stage is an extensive sports complex, to consist of football and softball fields, volleyball, basketball, miniature golf and tennis courts, and a general recreation area. In the interim, a softball field has already been built by the men of the 2d Bn.

Through another self-help project, the 2d Bn dining hall now sports a newly panelled interior. The material was furnished through Post Engineers, but the ideas, overall design and mus-

cle came from the men themselves. Individual mail boxes will soon be installed; other prospects include the relocation and improvement of the TC&S MARS station.

The brigade Information Center, located in the headquarters building, provides students with an advance look at the ASA stations to which they will be assigned worldwide. The center is one of several special activities consisting entirely of student volunteers and sponsored by the brigade's American Heritage Association.

The talents of the brigade, both individual and collective, have proved far-ranging and diverse. There are painters, carpenters, artists, musicians

and photographers. There is even an expert in the art of re-covering pool tables. While nobody likes the sight of a wheelbarrow or shovel, pride in accomplishment can sometimes take the edge off an aching back.

Self-help . . . a practical concept of one of the many ways in which MVA is designed to function. Self-help is also indicative of the pride taken by this brigade's soldiers in themselves, their jobs and their unit.

The USASA TC&S School Brigade is one small outfit in a military world once seemingly filled with Brasso, academic hassles, shoe polish, and directives, where a person can point with pride and say, "My idea, my work."



Phone for jobs free. Now you can sit on the phone and find out about a job for free! Who's the generous benefactor? The US Civil Service Commission.

From anywhere in any one of 46 states, a person can call his Federal Job Information Center without a toll charge—a pay phone even returns your dime.

The call will be answered by trained information specialists who will provide you with a full range of Federal employment information. This can include qualification requirements, application procedures and hiring programs for special groups such as Vietnam era veterans. If special employment is needed, these specialists can help you.

Through this new service, the Civil Service Commission expects good recruiting capabilities in job markets throughout the States.

To obtain the toll-free number in your State, check the white pages of your telephone directory under US Civil Service Commission. Toll-free numbers are available at this time in all states except Alaska, Hawaii, California and Rhode Island.



Jobs for the asking! Wanna job? The Veterans Administration can help you get your hands dirty.

It was the VA who stressed the importance of forming job-training programs for veterans. Business firms accepted the idea and created 7,300 new job "slots" last November. (26,500 slots have been developed in a year's time.)

These slots are positions employers indicate they are willing to fill with qualified veterans. Satisfactory completion of the firms' training program will land a job for the willing Veteran.

Although finding a job is not primarily the responsibility of the VA, it does promote various job finding activities.

If you're interested in the OJT program, a representative from the VA can provide you with the details.



Help for Harry Home Hunter. Are you wasting your Saturday afternoons looking for a suitable place to live when you could already be soaking up the rays on your roof top pool?

Before rushing from realtor to realtor and being hassled by resident managers, go to your Housing Referral Office for assistance in finding a place to live. They can save you miles of walking and eliminate some of those 101 headaches.

They will provide up-to-date files of apartments, trailer courts, and homes for rent and sale, including prices you can afford.

The HRO also has information and maps locating nearby schools, churches, shopping centers and recreation areas. They also help avert housing discrimination problems.

So, Hassled Harry Home Hunter, wise up and become Happy Harry Home Owner by seeing the people at your Housing Referral Office.

Opportunity for Change. World War II veterans who hold GI insurance policies can convert their annual dividend checks into additional insurance coverage.

The Administrator of Veterans Affairs said that veterans with V National Service Life Insurance can purchase "paid up additions." No physical examination will be required.

The "paid up additions" are amounts of insurance requiring no further premiums and which are added to the policy amount. The added insurance protection continues until death under life policies, and to maturity under endowment policies.

Speed, control and maneuverability.

Are you thinking of purchasing an Alfa Romeo, Porsche, Jaguar, Peugeot or Ferrari while you're overseas?



The US Treasury Department's Bureau of Customs has published a handy pamphlet for those traveling

Americans who are thinking of owning a foreign car.

This new leaflet answers basic questions on how to bring a foreign car into the U.S.

The pamphlet tells you duty rates, safety and emission standards, vehicle registration and driver requirements and how the value of the car is determined for Customs purposes.

Copies of "Importing a Car" (10 cents each) are available at all Customs offices or by writing to the US Bureau of Customs, P.O. Box 7118, Washington, D.C. 20044.

Be a Scrooge without trying. Servicemen can save a total of \$12 million each year due to a recent Veterans Administration announcement! Recently approved is a 15 percent premium rate reduction on Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI).

Effective July 1, rates for the maximum coverage of \$15,000 changed from three dollars per month to the new rate of \$2.55 per month. Rates for less coverage were also reduced.

All members of the Armed Forces are automatically insured under SGLI. Premiums are deducted from their pay unless they decline in writing to be insured.

Members carry their insurance for 120 days after separation. Renewal of the policy can be gained by applying to one of 600 participating companies. The application must be made within 120 days of separation.



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



With tongue in cheek, LTC Zotcavage, right, is joined by MAJ Carson for some historical picture taking.

Vietnam

8th Radio Research Field Station—"The Unit That Covered The Withdrawal of the 101st Airborne Division (Ambl)." A rather awesome title but one that the unit deserved, so Sergeant Frank McGinnis suggested that these words be transposed over the unit's crest.

The new crest was presented to Lieutenant Colonel Zotcavage, deputy post commander, in an informal ceremony at the Officers Club by Major Carson of the S-2 section. LTC Zotcavage accepted the plaque for Colonel Louis Powers, post commander, who was away at the time of the presentation.

The 8th RRFS was and still is the largest unit in the Phu Bai area after the standown of the 101st.

Bien Hoa—The last remaining direct support unit in Vietnam has been deactivated. The 405th Radio Research

Detachment (Airmobile), after over a year of direct support to the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, finally cased its colors.

On hand for the occasion were Brigadier General James F. Hamlet, commanding general, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry, and Colonel George R. Hamer, CO, 509th Radio Research Group. Major Joe D. Button, the first commander of the 405th RRD and First Lieutenant John H. Bezy III, the last commander of the unit were also present.

One of the units greatest accomplishments was the operation of Project Left Bank, a helicopter mounted intelligence platform which provided outstanding results to the division.

The 175th Radio Research Field Station conducted the deactivation ceremony.

SABA—One Dime a Week

Maryland

Ft. Meade—An item in the USASA Support Group Daily Bulletin aroused some curiosity recently. Chief Warrant Officer 3, Arthur Kilpatrick, advertised three jet-black miniature poodles for sale . . . with a percentage of the sales to be donated to the USASA Benefit Association.

Every litter bit helps helps!

Alaska

Ft. Wainwright—Have you ever tried to stand up on ice, drive in snow up to your windshield, or make your way around an Army post in 23 hours of darkness without an accident?

Well, the 2d Operations Section, USASA Det did it for an entire year without a single accident. On July 26, Major General C. M. Hall, commanding general, Ft. Wainwright, awarded the unit a Certificate of Merit for Safety, FY 72, for Accident Free Life. Only one other unit on post received this award.

Virginia

Vint Hill Farms Station—Do you ever wonder how the first WAC 05H grads turned out? Well, they're at Vint Hill Farms now, waiting for the second wave of WACs to show up.

Specialist 4 Dorothy Coombs (See THE HALLMARK, May 1972) writes to her old alma mater, Ft. Devens, TC&S, that the new WACs "are pretty well a normal sight at Operations and don't attract too much attention. But of course every new WAC gets the once over by all the men . . . the 05H's are the ones they have all been waiting for . . ."

Massachusetts

Ft. Devens—On the weekend of June 24th, the United States Army Security Agency Training Center and School Amateur Radio Club participated in the Annual "Field Day" con-

test sponsored by the American Radio Relay League.

Twenty members of the recently organized club, led by the club president, Lieutenant Roderick J. Isler, traveled to the summit of Mount Wachusett in Princeton, Mass., where they set up tents, erected antennas, and prepared their radio equipment and portable generators for the start of the 27-hour contest. A total of 1300 radio contacts were made with other clubs and individuals, many at similar field sites in the United States.

The contest was primarily designed to test radio communications under simulated emergency conditions, such as floods or other natural disasters, when permanent facilities and commercial electrical power would not be available. Although conditions were less than favorable because of rain, the exercise went remarkably well, considering that this was the first organized activity of the club.

The newly organized club is made up of interested amateurs stationed at the USASASB. It has a current active membership of 25 persons of whom 12 are licensed amateur radio operators. A well equipped facility, managed by Sergeant First Class Richard T. May, houses the activity.

In addition to offering facilities for members who own amateur radio equipment to set up and operate, the club also conducts classes in electronic theory and Morse code for members as well as non-members who wish to obtain or upgrade amateur radio licenses.

The Club is active in all types of radio communications on the amateur bands. The call sign is KIKBO. Communication assistance virtually anywhere in the world is available.

Ft. Devens—The USASA Training Center & School (TC&S) continues its outstanding support of the USASA Benefit Association (USASABA).

To date, over \$6,000 has been sent in to the Secretary-Treasurer at Arlington Hall Station. Donations continue to arrive as the 1972 TC&S goal of \$20,000 rolls along.

Donations have been received from both civilian and military personnel at TC&S detachments located at Pensacola, Fla., Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex., and Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.



SP4 James Hill is poised over his equipment ready to "Ham" up the radio waves, while several members of the Ft. Devens ASA Amateur Radio Club await their turn. The scene was a recent contest on the summit of Mount Wachusett in Princeton, Mass.

Germany



FS Augsburg—Brigadier General Thomas K. Trigg, Deputy Commanding General, USASA, is greeted by his host, Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth N. Greenlaw, CO, 502d ASA Gp (Fld A), during a recent visit for operational and mission briefings. While there he inspected the renovated barracks. The DCG's trip included most of the ASA units in Europe. Looking on is Colonel Richard H. Koenig, CO of FS Augsburg.



- ① An aerial view of Tract "E", Kagnew Station, taken in 1967.
 ② GEN W. C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff, talks with SSG Macon Simms, during visit to Kagnew in 1971. To left is COL Russell B. Jones, CO. ③ Hugh Downey, former ASA SP5, visits a patient at one of his many Ethiopian projects, the hospital in Keren. ④ Junior officers clowning for Casino Night, a fund raising effort to refurbish the Officers Club.



One Last Look at FS Asmara

ASA LEAVES AFRICA

After 27 years, one of the Army Security Agency's oldest and most exotic foreign assignments is no more. Kagnew Station, Asmara, Ethiopia, is still there, but ASA has left.

What was it like, being in Africa, so far from bath tubs and peanut butter. How did we manage to end up there in the first place? Why did we leave after so many years?

For those readers with an Asmara tour behind them the departure from Ethiopia takes on added significance. The story and pictures on these next few pages may trigger memories held fondly or best forgotten. For those who now will never be assigned there, they may serve as both introduction and farewell. For the Army Security Agency, however, the withdrawal marks the termination of a most colorful chapter in its history.

Kagnew Station is located in Asmara, the capital city of Ethiopia's northernmost province of Eritrea on a plateau nearly a mile and one half above sea level.

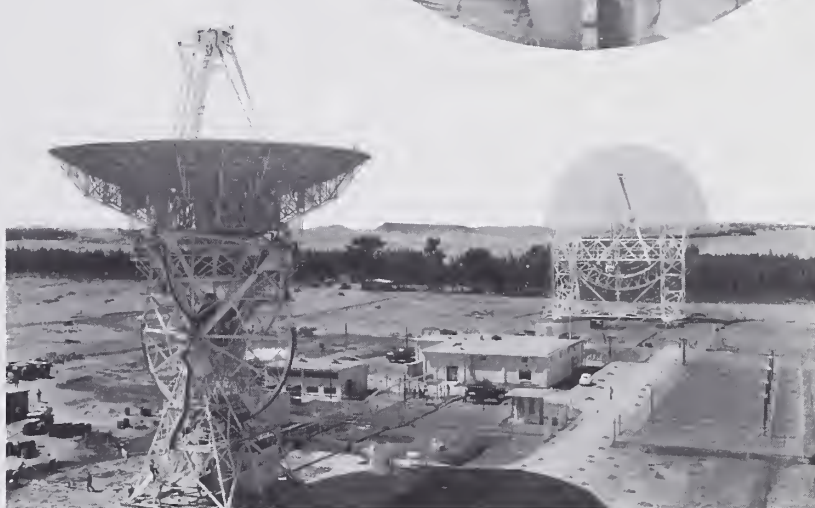
United States involvement in Ethiopia began in 1941, when we obtained a radio station from the British shortly after Eritrea was liberated from Italian occupation forces. Throughout the remainder of WWII, the former Italian naval radio station was operated by a seven man detachment of the Second Signal Security Service Battalion.

The advantages which attended Kagnew's geographical location convinced the War Department to expand its operations there. So, in 1943, three officers and 44 enlisted men began training at Vint Hill Farms to augment the seven man signal detachment. In 1945, the little

By CPT John Rasmuson. Researched by
 SP5 Joe DiVeglia and SP5 John Ryan.



H.I.M. Haile Selassie talks with American and Ethiopian Boy Scouts on his annual visit to Kagnew Station in January 1969. Below, Stonehouse. Not shown is Tract "C", former home of ASA Operations at Kagnew, now partially utilized as a furniture warehouse.



group in Asmara became part of the new Army Security Agency, and thus one of ASA's first field stations.

Less than a year later, military departments began to arrive; by 1951, Kagnew's strength had risen to 31 officers and 507 enlisted men.

A twenty five year Base Rights agreement was signed in 1953 and the station became officially known as Kagnew Station.*

Eritrea became loosely federated with Ethiopia in 1952 and became a province of the Empire 10 years later. Ethiopia is a remnant of the biblical realm of Abyssinia and is now ruled under a form of constitutional monarchy by His Imperial Majesty (H.I.M.) Haile Selassie I. The Emperor is the longest reigning head of state in the world today and is renowned for his leadership not only within Ethiopia but in all of Africa as well.

The fifties saw refurbishing and construction through-

out the Kagnew complex. New operational sites were constructed to accommodate Navy and STRATCOM, and existing facilities on the main tract were tailored to satisfy new requirements. A renovated Fiat garage became Kagnew's hospital. KANU, installed in 1958, was the first Army operated television station in the world. Small scale R&R facilities were available in Keren and Massawa.

As the host unit, ASA provided logistical support and personnel services to tenant units representing all three services. At its peak, Kagnew Station's 185 buildings, 25 miles of roads and 3400 acres of land supported almost 4,000 personnel. It represents a total capital investment of \$69.5 million.

From the beginning, Kagnew residents have encountered the same recurring problems. Extended supply lines and cultural and physical isolation have been the primary rubs. During his visit in 1971, Army Chief of Staff William C. Westmoreland commented, "I do not believe we have a more remote station of our Armed Forces than Kagnew Station." There were no dissents.

After the closure of the Suez Canal, Kagnew found itself on the remote end of a 7,000 mile supply line. That formidable distance caused a six to nine month delivery time on requisitioned items and backlogs in mail delivery. Air shipment of cargo via MAC served to ameliorate much of the problem, but an inordinate delay in delivery

*"Kagnew" is the corruption of an Amharic word fraught with military tradition in Ethiopia. Eritrea had been an Italian Colony since 1890. Italian incursions into Ethiopia resulted in an armed confrontation at Adowa in 1896, where the Ethiopian Army under Menelik II routed the Italian forces. One general's horse, named Kagnew, rallied the Ethiopians when it continued into the melee after its rider had been killed. And it was the Kagnew Battalion which served with great distinction with the U.N. Forces in the Korean conflict.

of peanut butter in 1970 contributed to waning adolescent morale.

"Life off post was beautiful . . . houseboys to shine your shoes and clean up . . . I missed things like potato chips, chittlins and peanut butter . . . Got tired of chicken and steak."

(SP5 Alfred Harrison)

After a long period of deprivation, the rush for rationed peanut butter could have been mistaken for a Candid Camera scenario.

"Seeing people go to the bathroom whenever and wherever they feel like going is something you never really get used to."

(NCO's wife)

For the neophyte Kagnewites over the past 20 years, the "culture shock" of Africa was usually followed by a bout of "Asmaritis" (Ethiopian strain of Montezuma's Revenge) and then by the uncomfortable feeling of confinement.

"If you stayed on the go, you avoided the boredom trap. I used to get out and go to Massawa, Keren and Addis Ababa, or see a bit of the country every other weekend."

(SP5 John King)

The American standard of high speed travel and instant mobility is frustrated in Asmara. Travel restrictions imposed to reduce the exposure of Kagnewites to "Shifta" (Ethiopian highwaymen) complicated the fact that there just aren't enough roads in Ethiopia. Forays south, to Addis Ababa require stout vehicles, a pioneering spirit and some degree of expertise in auto mechanics.

"One time they (Shifta) swarmed down the mountain and blocked the road. They searched the jeep, took some food and then left."

(SP4 David Pine)

So, over the years, Kagnew Commanders channeled funds and energies into creating a microcosmic American community in the highland of Ethiopia. The underlying rationale being that if you could keep everyone busy doing something he enjoyed, the peripheral problems would work themselves out. And so it went. Denizens of Kagnew could choose from an abundance of clubs and activities. There's a bowling alley and gym, deep sea fishing in Massawa, horses to ride, miniature golf, a handball court and a flying club.

"The biggest fear was running out of gas or having mechanical problems in the middle of nowhere . . . with the fear of 'Shifta' activity next. Going to the airport to watch the planes come and go seemed very popular with the locals on Sunday afternoons. We started doing the same things about two months prior to rotation."

(SFC Elmore Klingman)

Organized athletics are available year around, with a special Athletic Association to cater to the distaff element. In short, Kagnew's facilities have been painstakingly developed and designed to accommodate every appetite. Statistics suggest, however, that not everyone at Kagnew was completely engrossed in organized athletics. The hospital delivered 177 babies in FY 1972.

"It was a very interesting tour . . . boring at times, no girls. There were Italians and Ethiopians around, but the families didn't want their daughters messing around with the GIs. Once you got used to the place, you realized you had everything you needed."

(SP5 Jerry Hooper)

Water, of course, has been another problem. Like most other countries situated a scant 15 degrees above the equator, a predictable rainy season deposits a year's



Christmas in Asmara usually featured a Santa Claus from Kagnew Station. Those bushed fellows above are raring to go after a day of furniture moving. The Rest Center at Keren, complete with miniature Gazelles, the mascot of Kagnew. Below right, Tract C is now just a furniture warehouse.

worth of water each summer. In 1969, however, the rains didn't materialize and a year of apprehension and rationing ensued.

Kagnew's motor pool trucked nearly five million gallons of water up serpentine roads while the Facilities Engineers divided their time between devising ingenious water-saving schemes, and digging wells through bedrock. Kagnewites had water one hour in the morning and one hour at night. Those that had large families got by on their resourcefulness.

Kagnew welcomed a host of distinguished visitors over the years, ranging from H.I.M. Haile Selassie I to General William C. Westmoreland, Army Chief of Staff. Lesser luminaries include a boa constrictor in the commissary, an errant mongoose in the PX and an occasional marauding baboon.

"One night I was asleep on the beach when some jackals came by. All of a sudden, one of them grabbed a hot dog and took off with it! When you left the town of Asmara toward Massawa, the baboons would mock anything you would do."

(SP4 David Pine)

ASA operations at Kagnew were much the same as in other parts of the world. Yes, the O5Hs were overworked and were vociferous in their complaints. Extracurricular ASA activities met with more enthusiasm. "The Month of Madness", the annual ASA Benefit Association drive, fostered exotic challenges, radio marathons, beards and civvies. Everything seemed to have a price and trick chiefs and OICs took the brunt.

Kagnew's 1971 contribution of \$12,000 was bolstered by ransoms, vocal renditions of "Anchors Aweigh" broadcast over AFRS, and a reluctant tour of Staff Duty by the DCO and CSM. Kagnew's entry for the 1971 Military Wife of the Year, Mrs. Jane Richards, also gar-

nered the honors as the ASA Wife of the Year.

As Kagnewites are guests of the Imperial Ethiopian Government, community relations and civic action programs always have the highest priority at Kagnew Station. Although there were never any civic action funds available, individual contributions of time, money and skills accrued a great deal of good will over the years.

The community relations program relies on volunteers working in Asmara hospitals, schools, clinics and orphanages.

A former ASA man, Hugh Downey, has enjoyed incredible success with a project he began in 1963 while assigned to Kagnew Station. Utilizing his off-duty time, he founded the John F. Kennedy Memorial School in a village north of Keren. Nine years later, his philanthropic enterprise continued unabated. He has built his project up to seven schools, a 150-bed orphanage and a large hospital.

Probably as a result of its small-town atmosphere, rumors at Kagnew have always been an integral part of the daily routine. So, earlier this year, when rumors predicted the Agency's withdrawal, the reaction was varied. Some worried, some discounted them, and some began packing.

As the facts slowly filtered in, it became clear that ASA in Africa had lost out to DoD fiscal considerations. The phase-out began in April and in a matter of weeks, Tract-C was vacated.

The long-suffering cadre of O5Hs moved fixtures and furnishings with a vengeance and civilians took over Stonehouse.

The varied personnel problems that attended the phase-out became the focus of command attention. Mandatory early outs, pregnant wives, financial hardships and cumbersome pets complicated the already harried procedure of relocating personnel en masse, but each was handled on an individual basis by Kagnew's indefatigable Personnel Officer, CW2 M. C. Broome. Space available travel for non-command sponsored dependents and Post Commander Clarence O. Light's mandate to "bring the hassles to me" solved most of the problems. ASA was on the way out of East Africa.

For the 2,000 Kagnewites remaining, there seem to be only a few changes and it is business as usual. A and B companies no longer exist, Tract-C is a furniture warehouse, the Roosevelt theater has discontinued the one a.m. movie and new records in the PX don't seem to attract the throngs they used to. By July 1973, Kagnew Station will have become a full fledged US Naval Communications Station and the Army green will be only a memory in the land where the sun shines thirteen months of the year.

I was one of the guys who worked in the fire department, the one with the perfect record . . . We never had any fires! All we got were smoky furnaces and a couple of rescue jobs . . . It was good to come back but I'd rather be there. People there were much, much closer. We had a ball."

(SP5 Bob McCall)





LTC Spivey, surrounded by a bevy of beauties, shows that tennis is not all running and smashing. Forty love may be the correct idea.

Tennis

Arlington Hall Station, Va.—"The Hall" has finally gotten into the swing of things with an outstanding performance in the July 1st Army Tennis Tournament held at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Lieutenant Colonels John C. Spivey, Chief, Electronic Warfare Division, DCSFOR and Gilbert Jones, Defense Intelligence Agency, entered the tournament in the doubles category. They played superbly, reaching the finals, but were eliminated by a strong Ft. Belvoir team.

The "silver oak leaf team" defeated teams from Ft. Knox, Ky., Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and West Point. In all, there were twenty installations represented with 40 doubles teams.

LTC Spivey also won a trophy in the singles competition.

Softball

Arlington Hall Station, Va.—The annual CDA Cookout and Softball game was held at AHS June 9. Fun and frolic were the order of the day with plenty of hot dogs, hamburgers, beer

and soft drinks to satisfy the hunger pangs of the attendees.

As usual, the Junior Officers (JOCS) challenged the rest of CDA (appropriately called the "Hotshots") to a softball game. CDA's Commander Colonel Darrel R. Arena played second base for the "Hotshots" but the JOCS still won, 9-3.

Straight Shooters

Ft. Devens, Mass.—The Post Commander's Individual and Team Combat Service Rifle and Pistol matches, held July 10 through 12, were dominated by ASA men.

In every class of competition an ASA man was the winner.

Ft. Bliss, Tex.—A team of ASAers has won the Ft. Bliss Indoor Small Bore Rifle Match held recently.

Colonel Louis Bjostad, Commander of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Group, presented the unit and individual trophies.

The team members are Captain George Kerrigan, Major Thomas C. Rankin Jr., Specialists 5 William

Hough, Richard Burd, Larry Warren, and Wilson Burns, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Billy J. Swyres.

Taking the Plunge

Ft. Sill, Ok.—The Army Security Agency will go anywhere at anytime to keep their best personnel. This was demonstrated recently when Captain David Vore, CO, USASA COMSEC team went to Camp Grayling, Michigan to re-enlist Specialist 6 Anthony J. Carstensen, one of his outstanding team members. SP6 Carstensen supported the 38th Infantry Division during their annual training.

The unusual ceremony took place in an engineer combat assault boat on a small lake before a simulated assault exercise.



SP6 Carstensen is all smiles as CPT Vore administers the re-up oath.

Miscellaneous

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A "Cut Up" in Hanoi

A devout Lutheran upbringing in a tiny Midwest farm town gave Doug Hegdahl "something to believe in." But it didn't paint out the boy's hellraising streak.

"I'd say we were a little terrible," confessed Hegdahl, onetime leader of a mischievous school gang in Clark, S. D. (pop. 1,400).

"It was an honor," he said, "to go a whole year with straight 'D' grades in citizenship."

Just five months after clearing out of Clark for Navy boot camp in 1966, Hegdahl was winning a fresh reputation as a cutup—in a POW camp near Hanoi.

"I was so mad about their propaganda," he said, "that it became a personal war to think how I could mess it up."

For one stretch of more than seven months, Hegdahl was alone in a windowless cell. The solitude somewhat cramped his comedy style. But once in a while . . .

"There was one place in the room you could stand and not be seen

through the Judas hole," he recalled. "I used to peel myself up in the corner and hold my breath while the guard looked in. It looked empty. He'd pound on the bars and run to get the turnkey."

When the soldier with the keys arrived, Hegdahl was back on his board bunk under the mosquito net.

"They opened the door and I staggered out blinking like I'd been sleeping," Hegdahl said. "The turnkey got angry at the guard and asked if he'd been drinking again."

Not much, even by Clark High School standards. But this kind of humor, Hegdahl said, was a POW's only antidote to the turgid flow of Communist indoctrination.

"You either had a sense of humor or went crazy," he said. "It was a lifesaver, and to see this baffled look on the guard's face was so funny. This was the greatest thing."

North Vietnam did not award citizenship grades, but judging by his own and other former POW accounts, Hegdahl clearly flunked.



On the somber side, there was his hunger strike in solitary—which accounted for many of the 100-plus pounds he lost during 29 months of captivity.

Often, he said, "they'd just put us in solitary for no reason." But this time, he was isolated for the "criminal" act of trying to talk to another American in the prison yard.

Throws Food Away

"I figured if they could force you to hold a copy of Time or Newsweek for five minutes while they took pictures, at least I could look bad," Hegdahl said. So he started throwing his food away.

The tactic worked. Hanoi began pounding the POW camp boss about Hegdahl's rapid emaciation—"Death is not one of the alternatives they give you," he said—and the haggard youth was awarded a cellmate.

By this time, a memorial service had been held for Seaman Hegdahl aboard his ship, the guided missile cruiser Canberra.

Unable to sleep early one morning, the greenhorn sailor had meandered up on deck to watch his ship fire at targets ashore. Concussion from a naval rifle blast knocked him into the water. But he is a strong swimmer,

You Either Had a Sense of Humor or Went Crazy

By Robert B. Young

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and five hours later a fishing boat crew hauled Hegdahl out, then turned him over to militiamen.

Released in 1969

A few days and rough interrogation sessions later, the then-pudgy boy of 19 was in a camp where other American POWs—mostly fliers—were held. (Hegdahl was selected as one of three POWs the Hanoi government released to a touring US antiwar group Aug. 4, 1969.)

"Bread and butter! Bread and butter!"



For the 45 percent of Hegdahl's sojourn spent in solitary, "events" were precious and few. Daydreams, carefully rationed, of starting a business back home. A beam of sunshine crawling down a dank wall. A cockroach murdered then trundled under the cell door by proletarian ants.

When guards permitted him to see other Americans, Hegdahl's boyish countenance and laconic humor proved an incalculable boon.

Navy LT Robert Frishman, who was released with Hegdahl after 683 days in Hanoi-area prisons, said, "Everybody loved him. He had a topnotch reputation. He was doing one hell of a job resisting. They weren't getting to him."

Hegdahl recalled the time when a cellmate got "terribly sick, and I said to him: 'If you die, can I have your blanket?'" The grisly request made Hegdahl's officer friend splutter: "God-damn it, Doug, what a coldblooded thing to say." It was the first time he talked in days, and the anger proved therapeutic.

When a prison rule against cell-pacing went unenforced, Hegdahl cooked up Fred Astaire routines that

boggled the guards. As if on signal, he and his cellmate would stop pacing, join arms and whirl like jamboree dancers while shouting "Bread and butter! Bread and butter!"

Sometimes, they stood still and sniffed "like dogs" at the always-burning lightbulb that dangled from the ceiling. "The guards would sit and watch us for hours," Hegdahl said. "They thought it was some kind of religious ceremony."

Once Hegdahl pretended to duck an imaginary wire in his cell on every around-the-room lap. "Pretty soon we had that guard in there flapping his hands looking for the wire," he recalled.

Hegdahl often played the role of a stumblebum.

"To the guards I was 'Tho,' the innocent, the incredibly stupid one," he said.

Valuable Data

Frishman, who spent his last month in a POW camp with Hegdahl, said the North Vietnamese were taken in by the boy's village-idiot routine. "But he's a real smart cookie," Frishman said.

It was not until after Hanoi publicly committed itself to letting Hegdahl go home that the guards had any inkling the "stupidity" was an act.

"Well, I was stupid. I just capitulated on it," Hegdahl said before a recent dinner near his one-room San Diego apartment. "They would give me a pen to write a 'confession' and I'd end up getting ink all over my face and arms, and pretty soon there was no ink in the pen.

Hegdahl's supposedly empty head was crammed full of valuable data on POWs he had seen or reliably heard about. In 15 days, helped by a cellmate, the youth imprinted a list of 260 names on his brain, sorted out alphabetically by rank.

While "sections are blanking out," he can still recite the POWs' names at

"If you die, can I have your blanket?"

a speed that sounds like a rewinding tape recorder.

Hegdahl's memory feat enabled the Pentagon to change the status of more than 40 Americans from "missing in action" to POW.

Some of the names were not on a list of POWs sworn to be "complete and final" by the American peace group that transmitted it from Hanoi in 1970. "I've seen and even talked to people who are not on that list," said Hegdahl.

A Gentle Loner

"If they knew how much information I had," he added, "they would have had second thoughts about releasing me."



"Stupid American"

Asked to reflect on what most helped him survive his ordeal, Hegdahl immediately mentioned his sense of humor.

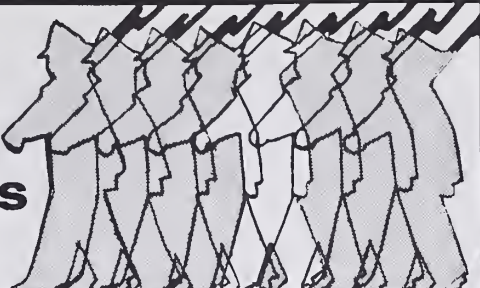
But that didn't seem to answer the question. "I would say," he slowly added, "just the way you're brought up all around. You've got to have a gut-level love and feeling for your country.

"The greatest people in the camps weren't the ones who could sit down and discuss everything intellectually. Sometimes even the 'failures' with eighth grade educations turned out to have this gut-level love, only they didn't know how to put it in words."

Hegdahl spoke highly of his former campmates.

"I can tell you one thing," he said. "When those guys come back, the stories they tell will make you proud. All this bull about 'humane treatment' will go up in smoke."

THE *Missed* PERSONS BUREAU




COL and Mrs. Mel Lawson: On Safari

It's always good to hear from ASA retirees but it's especially good to read about the adventures of our traveling friends.

It looks as though COL **Melvin Lawson** is establishing a record as ASA's top tourist. Mel says he may be home in September, but the 14 day, 3,000 mile safari he recently took in Australia will be tough to top. Are there any challengers?

Who is a better employer? The government or private enterprise? One of our retired master sergeants decided to venture out alone and find out for

himself. Owner of MacDonald's Package Store in Westminister, Mass., is **Daniel MacDonald**.

A few lieutenant colonels are busier than ever in retirement. LTC **Henry La Breque**, Alexandria, Va., is employed by Computer Science Corporation in Falls Church. And LTC **Burt E. Slesinger** is moving up to requirements manager for F & M Systems Co., an electronics firm. He'll move from Falls Church to Dallas, Texas, for the promotion.

But LTC **Fred Laine** really beefs it up in his retirement years. His cattle

ranch in Lebanon, Tenn., will be quite a change from his last assignment at Vint Hill Farms Station in Virginia.

SFC **Will Stiner** doesn't have any definite career plans yet, but we doubt that he'll have any time to relax. Will, now residing in Seattle, will be a full time student at the University of Washington this fall.

Dora Robbins, an Arlington Hall Station WAC from 1943-1945, now lives in Miami, Fla. Also in the sunshine state is SFC **Donald Peterson**. Don, a resident of Inverness, may find future enjoyment in a civilian electronics field, but for now is enjoying some lazy-day fishing.

Gather round ye lovers of Mexican food. SFC **Harold Murphy** is manager of a Taco Bell in Fayetteville, N.C. We bet his place is a favorite with the GIs at Ft. Bragg.

MSG **Walter Lowery**, a 22 year ASA veteran, lives in Ferndale, Md. CMS **Johnny Kelly** is finding plenty of time to spend on his hobbies in Weldon, N.C.

Major **W.E. Skipper** lives in Satellite Beach, Fla., and works for Radiation, Inc. (Maybe Star Trek could use him in a major role.)

Studying hard at the University of Nebraska in Omaha is CW2 **F.L. Harmon**. He'll be there until graduation in December and encourages anyone heading there to contact him. After graduation, Fred will reside in Oklahoma City, OK.

Science & Medicine

Alcohol + Medicine = ?

There has been a marked increase in the consumption of drugs in American society, according to an article appearing in the July 16 issue of *The Monitor*. Air Force Doctor (COL) Verne L. McClellan, commander, USAF Dispensary, Goodfellow AFB, Tex. says "... it has become increasingly more important that people today be aware of the dangers of drug interaction or incompatibility."

He emphasized, "A physician or pharmacist will, in most cases, catch

any drug incompatibility or interaction of prescription drugs before the patient ingests them." Dr. McClellan dealt with one aspect of drug incompatibility: alcohol and over-the-counter patent medicines while taking a prescription medication.

"A person taking the antibiotic, tetracycline, should not take any antacid such as Maalox or Gelusil, or milk or dairy products along with it. To do so would inhibit the activity of the antibiotic. When alcohol is taken with drugs classified as barbiturates, tranquilizers, or antihistamines, the depressant activity of these drugs

is increased and subsequent activity, such as driving, would be hazardous. Even many over-the-counter liquid cough and cold preparations and antihistamines contain appreciable amounts of alcohol which should be considered before purchasing.

"In most cases, no problem will occur with the ingestion of one or more drugs, but one should always question the potential combined effects."

Your pharmacy officer, and any of the physicians at your local dispensary will be more than happy to answer your questions regarding drug compatibility.

Individuals assigned to a particular unit during the period for which an award was given are eligible to wear that award. For instance, if you were assigned or attached to the 1st RR Company anytime between May 1967 and June 1969, you are eligible to wear the Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon; the authority in this case is Department of the Army General Order No. 2, 1971. The Army Security Agency salutes the achievements of the following units.

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1ST RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY Meritorious Unit Commendation Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 May 67 to 30 Jun 69 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	DAGO 2, 71 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 72	224th AVIATION BATTALION (RR) Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67 1 May 67 to Jun 69 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 2, 71 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 2 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65 1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 21, 66 DAGO 56, 69	265th RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68 1 Jan 69 to 31 Dec 70	DAGO 28, 69 USARV GO 2264-368, 71
3d RADIO RESEARCH UNIT Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Det J, 3d RADIO RESEARCH UNIT Meritorious Unit Commendation	13 May 61 to 31 Dec 62 Jan 65 to May 66 Jul 64 to Aug 64	DAGO 22, 63 DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 6, 66	Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	19 Apr 68 to 15 Aug 68 15 Aug 68 to 14 May 69 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	DAGO 21, 69 DAGO 43, 70 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71
Det 4, 3d RADIO RESEARCH UNIT Meritorious Unit Commendation US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 3 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	Sept 65 to Jun 66 1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65	DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 21, 66	Civil Actions Medal, First Class 303d RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation	18 Mar 68 to 2 May 70 1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67 1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68 1 Aug 68 to 30 Sep 69 1 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 70	DAGO 48, 71 DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 28, 69 DAGO 51, 71 USARV GO 2264-368, 71
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 3 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 4 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68 1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65 1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69 DAGO 21, 66 DAGO 56, 69	Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm 313th RADIO RESEARCH BATTALION Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71 Apr 66 to May 67 1 Jun 67 to 30 Jun 68 1 Jul 68 to 30 Jun 69 1 Jul 69 to 31 Dec 70	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71 DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 28, 69 DAGO 51, 71 USARV GO 2264-368, 71
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 4 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 5 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68 1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65 1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65	DAGO 56, 69 DAGO 21, 66 DAGO 21, 66	Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm 328th RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71 19 Nov 68 to 30 Jun 69 1 Jul 69 to 31 Dec 70 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71 DAGO 51, 71 USARV GO 2264-368, 71 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 5 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 6 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65 1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68 1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65	DAGO 21, 66 DAGO 56, 69 DAGO 21, 66			
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 6 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 7 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68 1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65 1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69 DAGO 21, 66 DAGO 21, 66			
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 7 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 7 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65 1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68 1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 21, 66 DAGO 56, 69 DAGO 56, 69			
7th RADIO RESEARCH FIELD STATION Meritorious Unit Commendation 8th RADIO RESEARCH FIELD STATION Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jul 70 to 30 Sep 71 Nov 64 to Jun 66 1 Jan 69 to 31 Dec 70 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	GO 8, USA Pac, 72 DAGO 17, 68 USARV GO 2264-368, 71 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71			

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Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65	DAGO 21, 66	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 8			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 9			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65	DAGO 21, 66	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 9			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69	
10th RADIO RESEARCH UNIT			
Presidential Unit Citation	23 Oct to 26 Nov 65	DAGO 40, 67	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 11			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65	DAGO 21, 66	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 11			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 12			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 15			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 17			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 20			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Apr 67 to 30 Sep 68	DAGO 56, 69	
US ARMY SIGNAL RESEARCH UNIT NO 20			
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1 Feb 64 to 1 Feb 65	DAGO 21, 66	
83d RADIO RESEARCH SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	Jun 69 to Oct 70	DAGO 2, 72	
101st RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 30 Sep 67	DAGO 48, 68	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jan 69 to 31 Dec 70	USARV GO 2264-368, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71	
138th AVIATION COMPANY(RR)			
Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 May 67 to 31 Jul 69	DAGO 50, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71	
144th AVIATION COMPANY (RR)			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 30 Apr 67	DAGO 17, 68	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 May 67 to 30 Jun 69	DAGO 2, 71	
146th AVIATION COMPANY (RR)			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 30 Apr 67	DAGO 17, 68	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 May 67 to 30 Jun 69	DAGO 2, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm			
156th AVIATION COMPANY (RR)			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 30 Apr 67	DAGO 17, 68	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 May 67 to 30 Jun 69	DAGO 2, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71	
175th RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67	DAGO 17, 68	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68	DAGO 28, 69	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 68 to 30 Sep 69	DAGO 51, 71	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 70	USARV GO 2264-368, 71	

330th RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 67 to 30 Jun 68	DAGO 28, 69	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jul 68 to 30 Jun 69	DAGO 51, 71	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jul 69 to 31 Dec 70	USARV GO 2264-368, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71	
335th RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67	DAGO 17, 68	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68	DAGO 28, 69	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 68 to 30 Sep 69	DAGO 51, 71	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 70	USARV GO 2264-368, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Dec 66 to 30 Jun 68	DAGO 31, 69	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	Jan 69 to Jun 69	DAGO 59, 69	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71	
Civil Actions Medal, First Class	19 Dec 66 to 28 Jun 69	DAGO 59, 69	
337th RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67	DAGO 17, 68	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68	DAGO 28, 69	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 68 to 30 Sep 69	DAGO 51, 71	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Oct 69 to 7 Apr 70	USARV GO 2264-368, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	12 Jul 65 to 16 Oct 68	DAGO 21, 69 and 59, 69	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71	
371st RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 67 to 26 Feb 68	DAGO 28, 69	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 68 to 30 Sep 69	DAGO 51, 71	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 70	USARV GO 2264-368, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	9 Aug 65 to 19 May 69	DAGO 59, 69 and 43, 70	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 72	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71	
371st RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY (Detachment 2)			
Valorous Unit Award	1 Oct 67 to 31 Oct 67	DAGO 39, 70	
372d RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY			
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67	DAGO 17, 68	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68	DAGO 28, 69	
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 70	USARV GO 2264-368, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	Dec 65 to Aug 68	DAGO 21, 69 and 59, 69	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	27 Nov 66 to 31 Aug 69	DAGO 48, 71	
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71	

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374th RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Civil Actions Medal, First Class	1 Jun 67 to 30 Jun 68 1 Jul 68 to 30 Jun 69 1 Jul 69 to 8 Dec 70 1 Jan 67 to 31 Jul 69 29 Jul 69 to 17 Nov 70 1 Jan 67 to 31 Oct 69	DAGO 28, 69 DAGO 51, 71 USAR V GO 2264-368, 71 DAGO 3, 70 DAGO 52, 71 DAGO 53, 70
403d RADIO RESEARCH SPECIAL OPERATIONS DETACHMENT Presidential Unit Citation Meritorious Unit Commendation Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Civil Actions Medal, First Class	1 Nov 67 to 31 Jan 68 31 Jan 68 to 31 Dec 68 1 Jan 70 to 8 Dec 70 30 Jun 67 to 17 May 69 Jan 68 to 24 Sept 70	DAGO 45, 69 DAGO 70, 69 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71 DAGO 59, 69 DAGO 48, 71
404th RADIO RESEARCH DETACHMENT Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	5 May 65 to 4 May 67 1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67 1 Dec 67 to 30 Jun 68 1 Jul 68 to 30 Jun 69 1 Jul 69 to 31 Dec 70 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	DAGO 48, 68 DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 28, 69 DAGO 51, 71 USARV GO 2264-368, 71 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71
405th RADIO RESEARCH DETACHMENT Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Aug 68 to 30 Sep 69	DAGO 51, 71
406th ASA DETACHMENT (Airborne Brigade) Presidential Unit Citation	2 to 20 Jun 66	DAGO 59, 68
406th ASA DETACHMENT (Airborne Brigade) Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	Jul 65 to Oct 66 1 Jun 67 to 1 Feb 68 1 to 31 Jul 66 and 9 Dec 66 to 18 Jan 67	DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 28, 69 DAGO 21, 69
407th RADIO RESEARCH DETACHMENT Meritorious Unit Commendation Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 69 to 31 Dec 70 26 Aug 68 to 2 Nov 68 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	USARV GO 2264-368, 71 DAGO 43, 70 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71
408th RADIO RESEARCH DETACHMENT Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67 1 Aug 67 to 30 Jun 68	DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 28, 69
409th RADIO RESEARCH DETACHMENT Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67 1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68 1 Aug 68 to 30 Sep 69 1 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 70	DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 28, 69 DAGO 51, 71 USARV GO 2264-368, 71

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Valorous Unit Award Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	31 Jan 68 to 5 Feb 68 1 May 69 to 15 Feb 70 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71 7 Sep 66 to 10 Aug 68	DAGO 12, 69 DAGO 50, 71 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71 DAGO 60, 69
415th RADIO RESEARCH DETACHMENT Meritorious Unit Commendation	23 Dec 67 to 30 Jun 68	DAGO 28, 69
509th RADIO RESEARCH GROUP Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation	1 Jun 66 to 30 Sep 67 1 Oct 67 to 31 Dec 68 1 Jan 69 to 31 Dec 70	DAGO 48, 68 USARV GO 1485, 72 USARV GO 2264-368, 71
Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71 1 Jul 66 to 31 Jul 66 and 9 Dec 66 to 18 Jan 67	RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71 DAGO 21, 69
601st RADIO RESEARCH DETACHMENT Meritorious Unit Commendation 856th RADIO RESEARCH DETACHMENT Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation Meritorious Unit Commendation	22 Oct 67 to 30 Jun 68 1 Jun 66 to 31 Jul 67 1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68 1 Aug 68 to 30 Sep 69 1 Oct 69 to 31 Dec 70	DAGO 28, 69 DAGO 17, 68 DAGO 28, 69 DAGO 51, 71 USARV GO 2264-368, 71
Valorous Unit Award Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm	31 Jan 68 to 19 Feb 68 31 Jan 68 to 19 Feb 68 19 Jun 68 to 31 Jul 70 1 Jan 70 to 3 Mar 71	DAGO 48, 68 DAGO 43, 70 DAGO 51, 71 RVN GO 89, 71 and USARV Ltr 2 Jun 71
Civil Actions Medal, First Class Oak Leaf Device	12 Dec 66 to 31 Aug 70	DAGO 51, 71
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THE PRACTICAL DISCHARGE

Hopes for a sound future can turn sour when a serviceman leaves the Army other than honorably. This editorial from the Indianhead, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea, sounds off about that freedom ticket home.

Like thousands of young men before you—you have probably thought about a less-than-honorable discharge.

There are many to choose from: for instance, a General Discharge, a Separation For The Good Of The Service, the Undesirable Discharge, a simple Bad Conduct Discharge, and the infamous Dishonorable Discharge.

If your goal is getting home, there's no doubt that one of the above discharges can get you an immediate port call back to the world.

But you may be overlooking a fact. Long after the plane has left you and then taken off again, your discharge persists in following you—or your friends, if they chose the path of a less-than-honorable discharge.

Suddenly, your “freedom ticket” back to the world has turned into a bad-luck albatross souring every day of your life, your job or your veterans’ benefits.

Consider a practical question. What do you say or do when people begin looking over your past in terms of “reliability” and “persistence” for a job that you may want? It's not a bad guess to expect “the man” to pause when he comes across your service record—and the less than honorable discharge.

But let's not go that far into the future.

Besides, you've heard that you can get your “bad” discharge changed into a “good” discharge, right? You can dig that sort of a rumor, get down on it, right?

You figure it out.

Say that you and three friends have “managed” an early-out via a less-than-honorable discharge. The facts show that four of every 100 GIs receive a less-than-honorable discharge.

Automatically, you know that you're a part of an exclusive group. But is that a “cool” fact?

If you had been thinking of such benefits as educational money or a civil service job down at the Post Office, you know that you will have to get the bad discharge “upgraded.”

You soon must face the reality that the old “myths” about the ease of changing a bad discharge are simply myths, that you can't pay a “fee” or simply request your Congressman to change your discharge.

In fact, the probability that you and your three discharged friends can change your discharges is slightly more than one in 750,000.

So, is your position as “cool” as you thought?

Back on the block if you had rolled against these odds someone would have thought that you were less-than-smart. Really.

The Discharge Review Board and the Army Board for the Correction of Military Records have files that bulge with letters from men acknowledging that their less-than-honorable discharge has affected their daily life.

A less-than-honorable discharge, no matter how you may look at it, is a Life-Time Discharge.

And a bad Life-Time Discharge, cut any way, is a less-than-cool thing.

FREEDOM IS WORTH THE PRICE

While political activists are organizing peace marches and folk singers strum and sing for peace, others may begin to question what Americans really want. An AFNS editorial asks if a desire for peace overrides desires for freedom.

Many Americans are crying for peace. Their longing is understandable. However, the question arises, are they more concerned with peace than freedom? Is there a creeping new mood in America which says peace is more important than freedom?

A World War II prisoner of war who spent long years in captivity replied “freedom,” when asked what one thought occupied him most. “I saw dogs walk through the barbed wire fences, roaches crawl to freedom and birds fly freely above. I would rather have been a dog, a bug or a bird and be free than be a man in prison!”

A POW released by Hanoi said, “Freedom was the one thought paramount in my mind,” when asked the same question. Why didn't he say, “Peace was my only thought?” He had peace and it should have been enough to know that he was out of combat and his guardians would now care for his daily needs. He knew, as many of us know, there is a vast difference between freedom and peace.

Our country was founded by a people who were consumed with a burning passion for freedom. Our great documents of government were written by men who wanted freedom more than life itself.

Peace can be achieved right now without a fight or protest. You simply agree to the other man's terms. It is that easy! But it is not freedom—true peace will come only when it is established on the terms of free men who insist on freedom for all men.

We must remember the lessons of the past. Freedom is worth the price.

Ideas and Opinions

“The mind stretched by a new idea never returns to the same dimension.”

You just can't go as far as you used to without a college education.

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America's greatest President wouldn't have the education to qualify for a lot of today's executive positions.

That's a pretty good idea of what you're up against these days without a formal degree.

What can you do about it?

For many of you, the answer is to get a college degree. And that may be a lot easier than you think—thanks to a program called CLEP (College Level Examination Program).

What is CLEP?

CLEP is a national non-profit program sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board. CLEP assumes that people learn a lot outside of formal schooling—through reading, work, the service, you name it.

How does CLEP work?

- CLEP is set up to measure this knowledge and help you convert it into actual college credit.

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How do I find out more about it?



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